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Hideaki ITO et al.)	
Application No.: 10/018,369)	Examiner: John M. Hoffman
Filed: December 19, 2001)	Group Art Unit: 1731
For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING)	
AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM)	Date: May 30, 2006

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated May 9, 2006, and the Advisory Action mailed on May 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: